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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action mailed October 2, 2002.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 13-26 as follows:

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